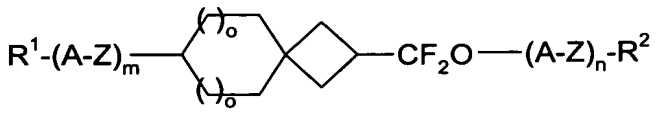
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Cyclobutane derivatives of the formula I



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in which

R^1, R^2 are identical or different and each, independently of one another, denote H, halogen (F, Cl, Br or I) or a linear or branched, optionally chiral alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 15 C atoms which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen and in which one or more CH_2 groups may each be replaced, independently of one another, by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -O-CO-O-, -CH=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CF-, -C≡C- or  in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly to one another, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, $-SF_5$, $-SCF_3$, $-CF_3$, $-CF=CF_2$, $-CF_2CF_2CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCHF_2$, $-CF_2CH_2CF_3$ or $-OCH_2CF_2CHFCF_3$,

A is identical or different and in each case, independently of one another, denotes

a) trans-1,4-cyclohexylene, in which, in addition, one or more non-adjacent CH_2 groups may be replaced by -O- and/or -S- and in which, in addition, one or more H atoms may be replaced by F,

b) 1,4-phenylene, in which one or two CH groups may be replaced by N and in which, in addition, one or more H atoms may be replaced by halogen (F, Cl, Br or I), -CN, $-CH_3$, $-CHF_2$, $-CH_2F$, $-OCH_3$, $-OCHF_2$ or $-OCF_3$,

c) a radical from the group bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,3-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, spiro[3.3]heptane-2,6-diyl, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, decahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl and piperidine-1,4-diyl, or

d) 1,4-cyclohexenylene,

Z is identical or different and in each case, independently of one another, denotes -O-, -CH_2O-, -OCH_2-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CF_2O-, -OCF_2-, -CF_2CF_2-, -CH_2CF_2-, -CF_2CH_2-, -CH_2CH_2-, -CH=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CF=CF-, -CF=CF-COO-, -O-CO-CF=CF-, -C≡C- or a single bond,

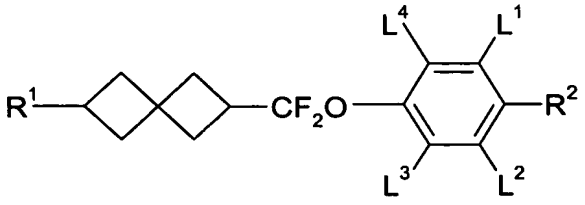
m, n are identical or different and, independently of one another, denote 0, 1 or 2, and

o denotes 0 or 1.

2. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that both o denote 0.

3. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that both o denote 1.

4. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that they have one of the following formulae:



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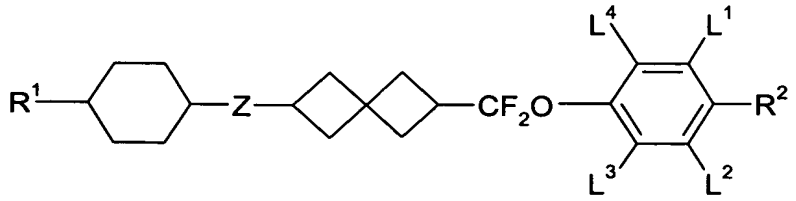

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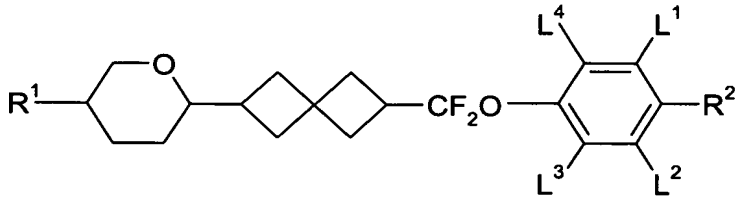

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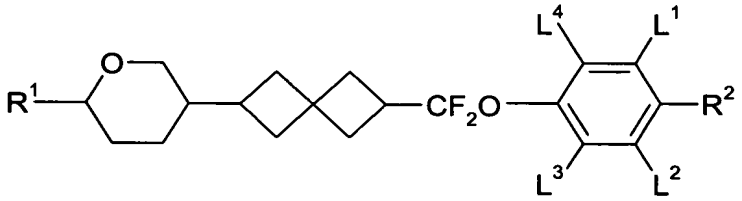

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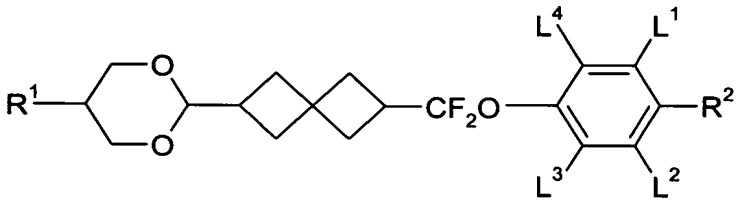

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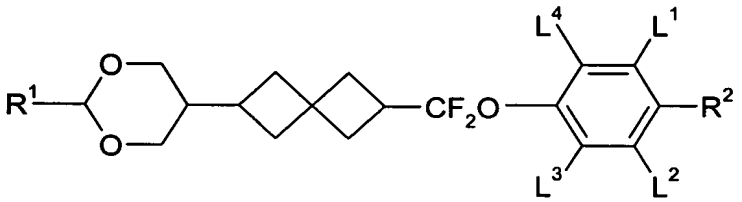

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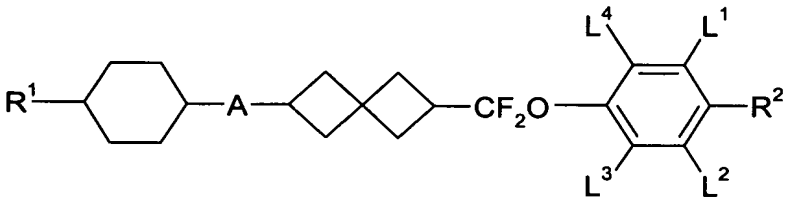

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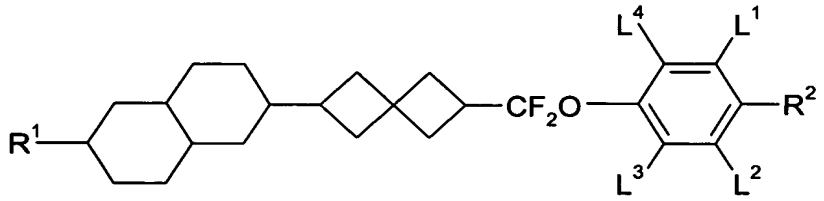

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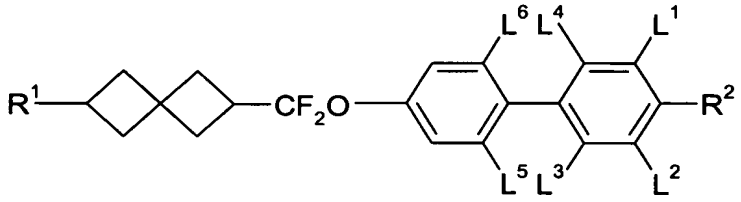

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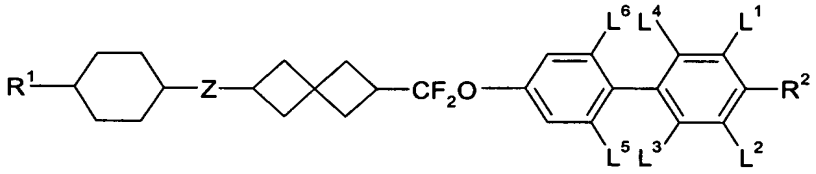

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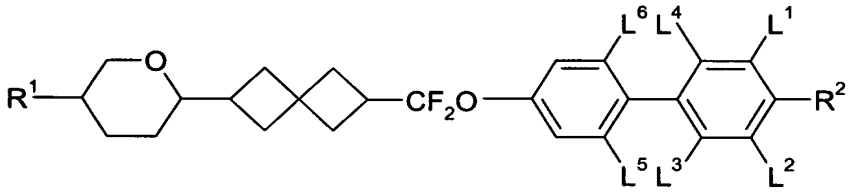

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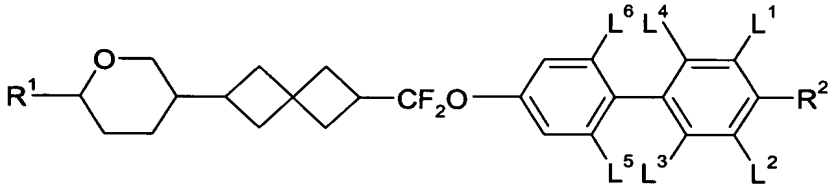

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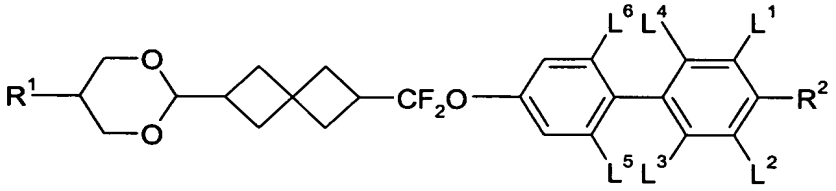

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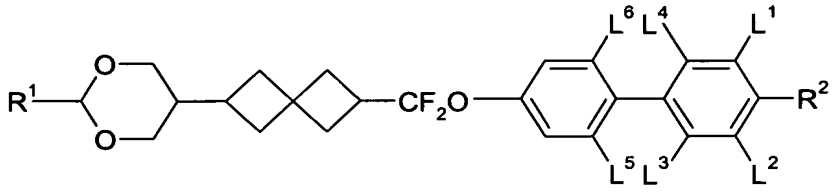

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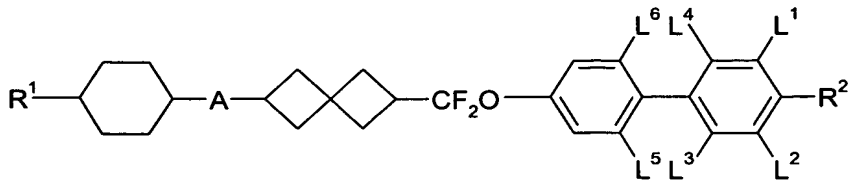

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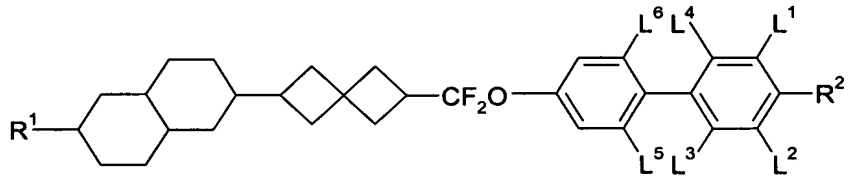

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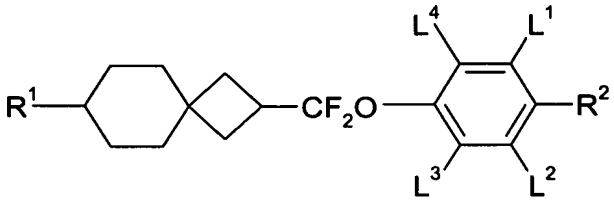
5. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 3, characterised in that they have one of the following formulae:



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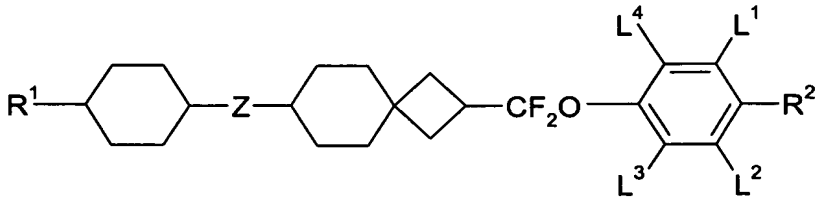

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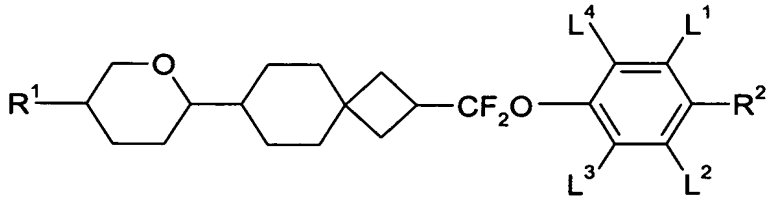

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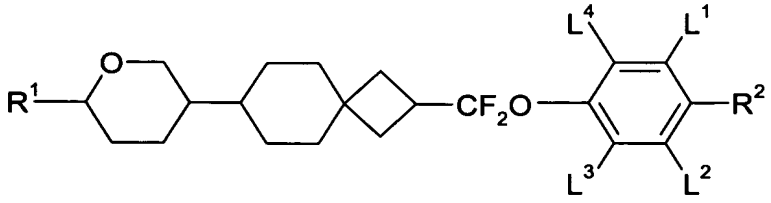

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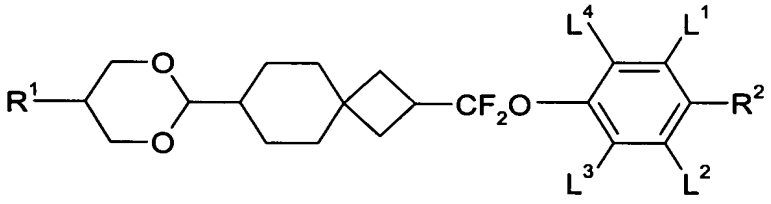

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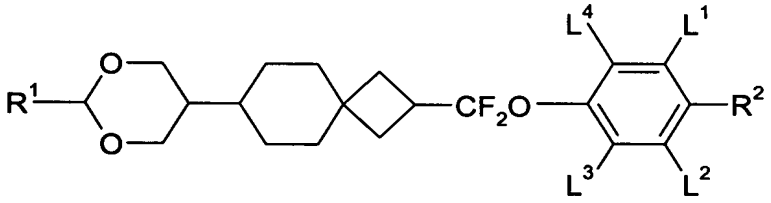

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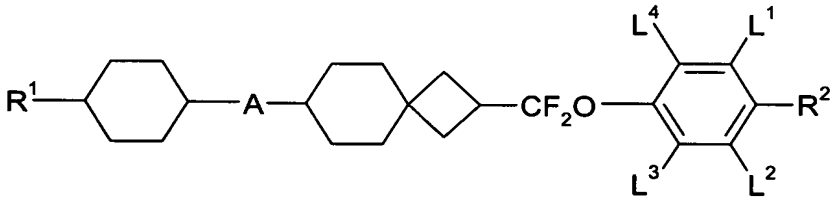

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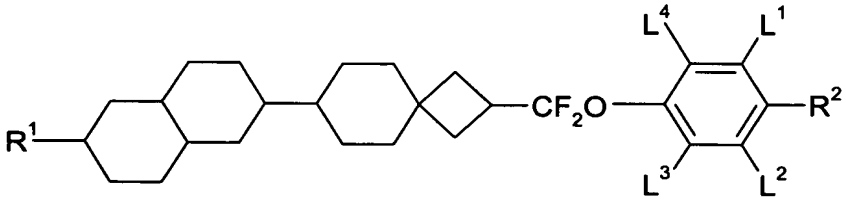

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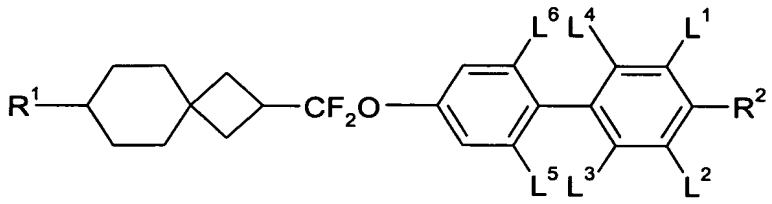

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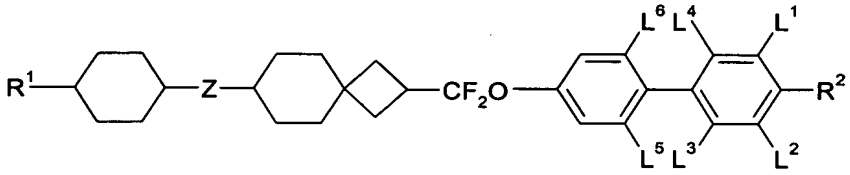

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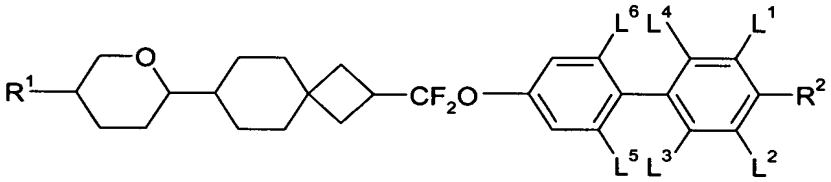

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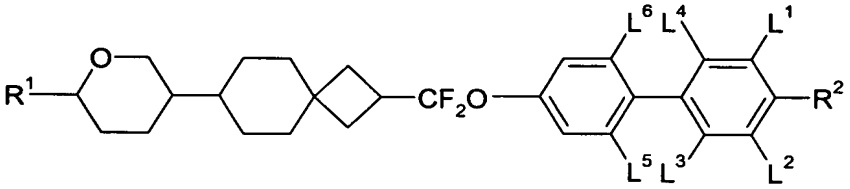

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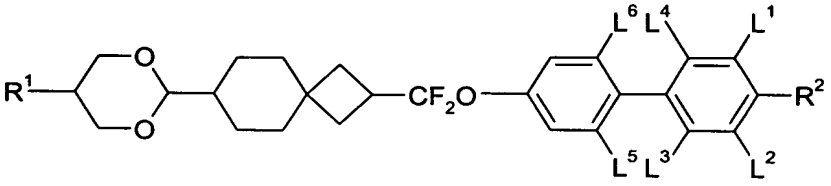

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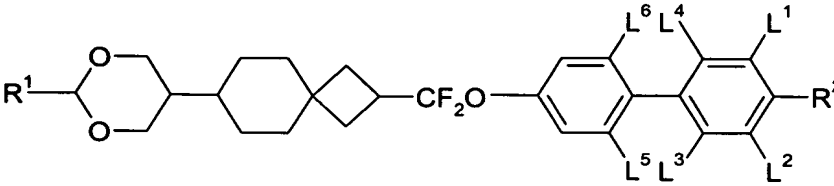

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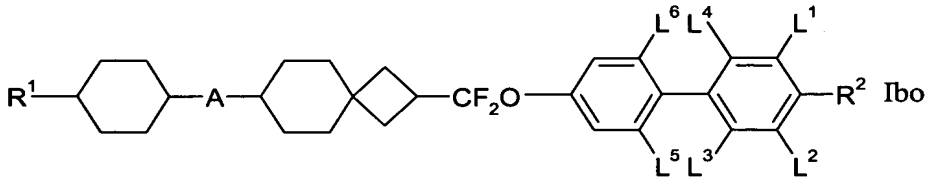

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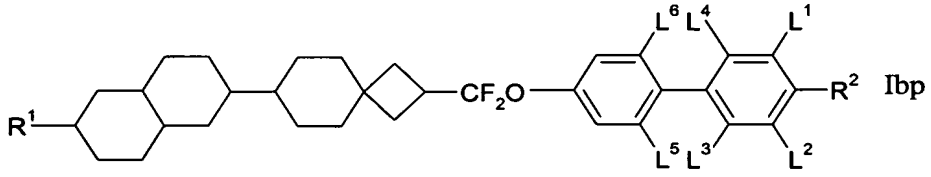

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in which L^1, L^2, L^3, L^4, L^5 and L^6, are identical or different and, independently of one another, denote H or F.

6. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to at least claim1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that R^1 denotes H or a linear alkyl radical having 1 to 10 C atoms.

7. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that R^2 denotes H, a linear alkoxy radical having 1 to 10 C atoms, -F, -Cl, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCHF_2$, -CN, -NCS or $-SF_5$.

8. (Currently Amended) Use of compounds of the formula I according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ as component(s) of liquid-crystalline media.

9. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline medium having at least two liquid-crystalline components, characterised in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 7~~.

10. (Original) Liquid-crystal display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.

11. (Original) Reflective or transflective liquid-crystal display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.

12. Electro-optical display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.